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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMERICAN SHIPPING EXECUTIVES.

REF: TEHRAN 9863, STATE 244213 AND PREVIOUS.

1. SUMMARY: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS OF WATERMAN STEAM-
SHIP LINES AND PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES (PFEL) WILL BE
VISITING IRAN DECEMBER 1-7 TO DISCUSS CURRENT SHIPPING
SCENE WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS.
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE.

2. J.M. FARRELL, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF WATERMAN
STEAMSHIP LINES AND RONALD RASMUS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
PFEL, WILL BE ARRIVING IN TEHRAN ON DECEMBER 1.
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR RASMUS
AND FARRELL WITH SENIOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATE
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL STAFF OF EMBASSY TO DISCUSS CURRENT
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STATE OF SHIPPING IN U.S.-IRANIAN TRADES. AS EMBASSY
AWARE, U.S. OPERATORS ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH A
NUMBER OF IRANIAN REGULATIONS WHICH THEY PERCEIVE TO
RESERVE IRANIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CARGOES EXCLUSIVELY
FOR IRANIAN-FLAG VESSELS. ALTHOUGH OVERALL TRADE
STATISTICS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED SUCH A PHENOMENON, THE U.S.
OPERATORS MAINTAIN THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THE

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NEGATIVE RESULTS OF THESE REGULATIONS THROUGH LOSS OF CARGO TO ARYA AND BELIEVE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE AS MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY CARGOES DECREASE. THROUGH THIS TRIP, THEREFORE, RASMUS AND FARRELL INTEND TO INVESTIGATE (AND SEEK TO SUBSTANTIATE, IF POSSIBLE) THESE REPORTS.

3. RASMUS' AND FARREL'S SCHEDULE ALREADY INCLUDES MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 3 WITH MR. F. R. MOASSER, DIRECTOR OF ARYA, AND DR. M. TASLIMI, MINISTER OF COMMERCE. SINCE RASMUS AND FARRELL DESIRE TO KEEP DISCUSSIONS SOLELY ON COMMERCIAL LEVEL, EMBASSY ACCOMPANIMENT IS NOT REQUESTED AND WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. THEY DO, HOWEVER, DESIRE TO SCHEDULE THE MEETING AT EMBASSY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH MOASSER AND TASLIMI. RASMUS AND FARRELL WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO BRIEF EMBASSY PERSONNEL PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE, DECEMBER 7. RASMUS AND FARRELL WILL CALL EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. HABIB

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